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**A METHOD FOR DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS BY SMEAR
MICROSCOPY, CULTURE AND POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION
USING PROCESSED CLINICAL SAMPLES AND KIT THEREOF**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method of processing clinical samples for diagnosing bacterial infections by smear microscopy, culture or PCR as well as a kit for performing the method. This invention also pertains to two sets of primers specific for the DevR gene of *M. tuberculosis* as well as to a method of using the primers for screening patients for tuberculosis by PCR.